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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 10, 1972

Mr. William P. Koster
C/o Ms. Barbara R. Mueller



Dear Mr. Koster:

I want to compliment you on the thoroughness with which you have presented your articles on counterfeiting in the Paper Money Magazine. The photographs are particularly well reproduced, making the text much more interesting. I am working on a parallel subject, namely, a write up of Heath's Counterfeit Detectors, and am wondering how many detectors you have and of what issues. I have examined about forty but there are many states of each edition.

Would you be able to send me a copy of the New York Times compilation in 1862 or the date of the issue so that I could get it off microfilm?

Would you also tell me which detector, in 1841, listed the 1727 different counterfeits.

Keep up the fine work..

Sincerely yours,

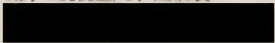
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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 26, 1972

Mr. William P. Koster


Dear Mr. Koster:

Thank you for your letter of October 23, 1972. Your comments concerning Heath Detectors are very interesting. I have about forty in my collection and the variations which you mention curiously enough overlap.

I presume I should be embarrassed in asking you about the source of items in Lynn Glaser's book since if you turn to the acknowledgments you will see that I gave him a substantial amount of material. Virtually all of his material is lifted from other publications and that is why I hesitate to use it as a reference.

I certainly wish I knew the correct citation of the New York Times report and will be looking for it.

Thank you for your wholehearted cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 25, 1975

Mr. William P. Koster


Dear Mr. Koster:

I have read your recent article on the \$100 compound interest note, as well as your past articles and naturally have enjoyed them.

What you point out, that some notes sold in auctions are counterfeit and not designated, is a matter I have long been aware of. People just have not taken the trouble to go back into the old records to find the minor differences on superb counterfeiting work.

I am enclosing a photocopy of one of these, No. 70154, which has been punch cancelled and in many places. If you would like this note for your collection, please try to find some nice US counterfeit for me which I do not have. I am sure you can find something worthwhile if you have no counterfeit.

I am assuming my note is of interest to you and, if not, there is no harm done.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

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Encl.



THIS NOTE IS MY RECEIPT

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

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MAY 15, 1865

UNITED STATES
TREASURY

DEPARTMENT

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R. J. L. to

Register of the Treasury

TREASURY NOTE

Payable to the order of

8005 SOUTH CLIPPINGER DRIVE CINCINNATI, OHIO 45243

January 31, 1975

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63005

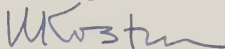
Dear Mr. Newman,

Thanks for your note of January 29th. I am very pleased to learn of the existence of #70154... that adds another to the ranks.

Your letter suggests that you have several counterfeits in your collection. When I next find that I will have some free time during a visit to the St. Louis area, I will let you know. Perhaps I could have the opportunity of looking over and digesting what you have.

Don't know why I have become fascinated with this segment of numismatic history, but the 19th. Century counterfeiting is really intriguing.

Sincerely,

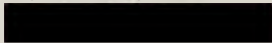
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'WPK' followed by a stylized surname.

William P. Koster
WPK/s

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 5, 1975

Mr. William P. Koster


Dear Mr. Koster:

Please add #71067 to the list of counterfeit \$100 compound interest notes. That is the item in my regular collection.

If you come to the St. Louis area, please advise me and we will have a little fun with your favorite topic. My collection in your area is respectable and my library is rather excellent.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman

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